

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO:	Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members
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FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 26, 2024

TITLE: **DISCUSS BEAUTIFYING WASHINGTON AVENUE BY ENHANCING LIGHTING AND STREET-SCAPING**

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At its June 26, 2024 meeting, the City Commission approved a referral (Item C4 C) to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC), to discuss beautifying Washington Avenue by enhancing lighting and streetscaping.

It is important to note there have been similar requests that have been brought up and discussed at the Public Safety and Quality of Life and FERC Committees (to enhance lighting on Ocean Drive, Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue) without the success of a favorable recommendation due to costs for installation and maintenance exceeding the \$1Million for Washington Avenue alone.

ANALYSIS**Lighting:**

Public Works have acquired a quote from R&D Electric Inc. for wrap lights on median trees and east and west sidewalks which includes maintenance costs for a period of one year after installation (full proposals attached):

- Washington Avenue from 5th Street to 17th Street (median trees).
\$272,532.00

- Washington Avenue from 5th Street to 17th Street, (east and west sidewalks).
\$1,195,950.00

Landscaping:

The Greenspace Management Division (Greenspace) is in its second year of a two-year long landscape restoration project. In year one, all medians on Washington Avenue were targeted for landscape restoration from Southpointe Drive to 5th Street. In year two, all medians on Washington Avenue were targeted for landscape restoration from 5th Street to Lincoln Road.

At the same time, the Police Department (Police) were leading their own infrastructure project. Both Police and Greenspace coordinated efforts so that Police could move forward without delay. Portions of this Police project is now completed which allows for the continuation of the landscaping restoration project.

Greenspace is ready to proceed with its restoration project, including treating any current palm pits without any bonded aggregate, by the end of this calendar year.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The lighting fiscal impact including maintenance costs is estimated at approximately \$1.5 Million.

CONCLUSION

The following is presented to the members of FERC for discussion and further direction

Applicable Area

South Beach

<u>Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?</u>	<u>Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?</u>
Yes	No

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Department

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine
Commissioner David Suarez

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